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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In accordance with the withdrawal of claims 12-15 from the present application, claims 12-15 have been canceled without prejudice to pursuing these claims in a divisional application.

Claim 5 has been amended into independent form; however, it does not include the step of forming a crown of the domed aerosol can end as recited in claim 4. The step of forming a crown of the domed aerosol can end is added by claim 6 and further defined by claim 7 as comprising the step of collapsing the dome form die. It is respectfully submitted that this places claims 5-9 in condition for allowance since the amendment of claim 5 overcomes the 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, rejection of claims 6-9.

Claim 4 has been amended to recite that initially forming a dome of a domed aerosol can end comprises the steps of: forming an outer portion of the dome; and, forming an inner portion of the dome. It is respectfully submitted that this distinguishes claim 4 over Cowling (US 5,381,683) since reference to Figs. 5 and 6 of Cowling shows that the central portion of his can end is formed prior to formation of the outer portion of his can end. Accordingly, allowance of claim 4 as amended is requested.

The prior art made of record as being pertinent to the disclosure of the present application has been reviewed. Since it was not relied upon in the identified Office action, it will not be addressed herein.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-11 now pending in the present application are in condition for allowance.

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Accordingly, applicants request reconsideration of the application and allowance of these claims.

If the present amendment raises any questions or the Examiner believes that an interview would facilitate prosecution of the present application, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,
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